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1. The reply/election filed on December 2, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Although election of species A1 was made, there has been no election made between species B1 and B2. Note again (as noted in the election requirement) that "one species from A1/A2 and one from B1/B2 should be selected along with a listing of the claims readable thereon." However, upon further review, it is apparent that the originally formulated election requirement may have not properly accounted for claims 50-52. In other words, it is not clear if some or all these claims were intended to be a generic expression of one of the bonding inventions of the other species or is itself another mutually exclusive embodiment or species. In particular, it would seem that these claims may not be represented by either A1 or A2 as they seem more directed to a coating method for a single substrate than a bonding method between two substrates. As such, it appears that there perhaps should have been a species A3 as well, this directed to the coating of a catalyzed non-fibrous substrate. In such case, however, if A3 is selected however there would be no additional requirement for an election between B1/B2. Clarification of applicant's position in this regard would be helpful.

Additionally, it is noted that when listing claims readable on the elected species, applicant for example did not mention claim 1, it therefore not being clear whether applicant believes that this claim also reads on the elected species (even if generic). It would be clearer if all claims considered to read on the elected species (whether generic or not) were identified. Of course, upon allowance of any generic claim, rejoinder will be considered where appropriate. See 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Geoffrey L. Knable whose telephone number is 703-308-2062. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael W. Ball can be reached on 703-308-2058. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9310 for regular communications and 703-872-9311 for After Final communications. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0651.

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